

PATRIOT ASSISTANCE DOGS NEWS



Rescued Dogs Rescuing Veterans

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Please consider...

Helping P.A.D to grow! As we certify more teams, expand our office infrastructure, and consider more ambitious goals for the Program, we have need of more volunteer help. As you know, this has always been a grass roots Program, fueled by volunteers and veterans who want to give back. We are looking for the following volunteer position:

Fund Raising Coordinator: As the P.A.D. program grows, there is a need to find ongoing sources of monetary support. This volunteer Coordinator would be responsible for seeking out and tracking donations and ongoing support from individuals, veterans' groups and companies. Assistance with simple grant writing would also be involved. A Capital Campaign is being considered; this would be an exciting time to be involved with this! This position can be done remotely, for the most part, and is not a full time job. Many supportive efforts are already in place but need follow up. A great chance to be involved with a great Program!

WE NEED YOU!

2019 First Quarter Patriot Assistance Dogs Donors

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BOARD BITS

DECEMBER, 2018

- P.A.D. has 27 dogs; 18 are in-house and 9 are out in foster homes.
- Board members were invited to Can Do Canines, New Hope, MN (also trains service dogs, but not for psychiatric needs) to talk about possible collaboration.
- Board approved the process for trainers Paula and Sara to start the application for the National K-9 Learning Center.
- Approved the increased rate for boarding P.A.D dogs at the Lucky Dog facility.
- Approved, with some restrictions, a fund raising letter generated by a veteran/dog team group who would like to help raise funds for veterans to attend the 2019 Fall Graduation.

JANUARY, 2019

- Discussion of available dogs, as well as dogs who have been career-changed and can be adopted.
- Discussion of upcoming events at which P.A.D. will have a booth, or has been asked to speak.
- Election of Board officers for the 2019 year.
- Approved funds for both Paula and Sara to attend the National K-9 Learning Center's training course to become Certified Professional Trainers.
- Bookkeeper hours have been more than allotted- agreed to pay the extra hours.

FEBRUARY, 2019

- January P.A.D. class went well.
- Roni Williams hired as part time Administrative Assistant as Susan has cut back her hours.
- Two new cameras ordered for use at P.A.D events. Paid for by a grant specifically for tangible items.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Completing training in the P.A.D. January class were:

Kim Barrett (U.S. Army) and Leif
Richard Polson (U.S. Army) and Zoe

Suzanne Harmon (U.S. Army) and Skye

Completing Public Access testing and Skills testing in February were:

Harold Roettger (U.S. Navy) and Stella
Byron Kester (U.S. Marines) and Parker
Jeffery Zylka (U.S. Army) and Kobe Bear

Kenneth Nelson (U.S. Army) and Gunther
Julie Saatoff (U.S. Army) and Cooper
Heather Kolschefskey (U.S. Army) and Louise

Patriot Assistance Dogs now has 172 fully certified teams!!

WATCH FOR IN 2019

April 22-26

P.A.D. Class

May 20-24	Veteran Owned Dog class
June 1	Airport Training, Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport
June 15	Derek Briggs Golf Tournament, International Falls
June 22	Patriot Ride, Blaine, MN
July 15	P.A.D. golf tournament, Detroit Lakes
July 22-26	P.A.D. Class
September 21-22	Graduation and Fun Shoot
October 5	Airport Training
All year:	Sponsorships of dogs available. Some wonderful well trained dogs don't make the service dog cut but would make great pets. Inquire today about availability!

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